

**Synopsis**  
**INTERNATIONAL, IMPERIAL AND COMMONWEALTH REPLY COUPONS**  
**OF CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND**

**Purpose**

This is meant to be an exhibit to display Canadian International, Imperial and Commonwealth, and Newfoundland Reply Coupons.

**Scope and Presentation**

The exhibit shows a sample of all Types of Reply Coupons issued by Canada and Newfoundland for the past 110 years between 1907 and 2017 including rate reproduction material. It is divided into four parts:

1. Canada International Reply Coupons 1907 – 2017 Including all Types approved at each of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) congress' starting with Rome and all subsequent meetings until the 25<sup>th</sup> congress held in Doha Qatar in 2012
2. Canada Imperial Reply Coupons 1927 - 1953
3. Canada Commonwealth Reply Coupons 1953 - 1971
4. Newfoundland Reply Coupons 1907 – 1949

**Philatelic Importance**

The material contained in this exhibit covers 110 years of an important part of Canadian Postal Stationery that is often overlooked and relatively unknown to many collectors.

**Condition, Rarity and Difficulty of Acquisition**

The condition of the material shown is exceptional taking into consideration all known material.

Coupons found on mail are scarce and very difficult to find, however the one exhibited here on a commercial cover is the best that the exhibitor has ever seen in years of collecting such material.

Many earliest known and latest use items are shown in the exhibit.

Many reproduction items are shown in this exhibit including essays, proofs and specimens.

The material assembled for this exhibit has been acquired over 50 years of collecting, however more recently over the past 10 years as the exhibitor has focused greater attention to this field of collecting. Monitoring of new finds, auctions and publications have been carefully reviewed to ensure the accuracy and scarcity of the material in this exhibit.

**Research**

The standard reference for this area of philately is that of André Hurtré: Catalogue Mondial des coupons-réponse Tome I. Histoire, types, généralités; Pays de "A" à "H", Académie de philatélie, Paris 2010. Andrew Chung: Reply Coupons of Canada, Postal History of Canada Journal, #50 (30 June 1987), pp173-182. Additional research includes correspondence with Wolfgang Lemenstoll a respected collector and dealer of International Reply Coupons and member of the German FIAS (Research Association for International Reply Coupons). Peter Robin: International Reply Coupons: An Illustrated Guide to Their Types, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Printed by Minuteman Press, © Peter Robin 2009. Jack and Carol Yao: Yao's Catalogue of Worldwide Reply Coupons, Volume I – The UPU Coupons, July 2016, Quality Development LLC

**Exhibit Record**

This is the first time for this exhibit and that of this exhibitor.



Rarities are identified with a "red" frame line. The exhibitor is confident that they are accurate after years of comparisons done with published material, from various other sources including auctions, websites, international collectors and dealers and from personal knowledge resulting following difficulties in obtaining the material.

1. Frame one, page 3, Rome Type II uncut Sheet of Four
2. Frame one, page 6, Stockholm Model, Rome Type III margin copy coupon cut from sheet of 50
3. Frame one, page 9, London Design Frame Proof
4. Frame one, page 9, London Design Background Proof
5. Frame one, page 10, London Type IX Proof (front)
6. Frame one, page 10, London Type IX Proof (back)
7. Frame one, page 11, London Type IX uncut sheet of four
8. Frame one, page 13, London Type IX 7¢ revalued 12¢ Earliest Known Use
9. Frame one, page 16, London Type XII, Damaged Plate, Only Known Copy
10. Frame one, page 17, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIIIcp, Earliest Known Use
11. Frame two, page 18, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIV Proof
12. Frame two, page 19, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIV Proof (front) from UPU bi-monthly publication
13. Frame two, page 19, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIV Proof (back) from UPU bi-monthly publication
14. Frame two, page 20, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIV SPECIMEN (front) from UPU bi-monthly publication
15. Frame two, page 20, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIV SPECIMEN (back) from UPU bi-monthly publication
16. Frame two, page 21, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIV SPECIMEN.
17. Frame two, page 22, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIV Uncut Sheet of Four
18. Frame two, page 24, Buenos Aries Model, London Type XIV, Constant Plate Flaw
19. Frame two, page 25, Paris Model, London Type XV SPECIMEN (front)
20. Frame two, page 25, Paris Model, London Type XV SPECIMEN (back)
21. Frame two, page 26, Paris Model, London Type XV Uncut Sheet of Four
22. Frame two, page 27, Paris Model, London Type XV Earliest Known Use
23. Frame two, page 28, Paris Model, London Type XV Coupon used on a Commercial Cover
24. Frame two, page 29, Brussels Model, London Type XVIu 12¢ uncut Sheet of Four
25. Frame two, page 32, Brussels Model, London Type XVI 15¢ Uncut Sheet of Four
26. Frame three, page 33, Brussels Model, London Type XVI 15¢ Earliest Known Use
27. Frame three, page 35, Ottawa Model, London Type XVIIa, Earliest Known Use
28. Frame three, page 36, Vienna Type Trial Colour Essay (A)
29. Frame three, page 37, Vienna Type Trial Colour Essay (B)
30. Frame three, page 38, Vienna Type Trial Colour Essay (C)
31. Frame three, page 39, Vienna Type Proof
32. Frame three, page 43, Vienna Type XX 22¢ revalued 25¢ Earliest Known Use
33. Frame three, page 44, Lausanne Type XXII SPECIMEN
34. Frame three, page 45, Lausanne Type XXII Earliest Known Use
35. Frame three, page 46, Lausanne Type XXII ECU last day of rate
36. Frame three, page 46, Lausanne Type XXII ECU first day of new rate
37. Frame three, page 48, Lausanne Type XXV ECU
38. Frame four, page 49, Washington Model Lausanne Type XXVI Earliest Known Use
39. Frame four, page 50, Washington Model, Lausanne Type XXVII ECU new rate
40. Frame four, page 61, Canada Imperial Type V Earliest Known Use
41. Frame four, page 64, Commonwealth Type IX 5¢ Earliest Known Use
42. Frame five, page 66, Commonwealth Type IX 6¢ SPECIMEN
43. Frame five, page 67, Commonwealth Type X SPECIMEN
44. Frame five, page 77, Commonwealth Type XVII Earliest Known Date
45. Frame five, page 78, Newfoundland Rome Type II Uncut sheet of four